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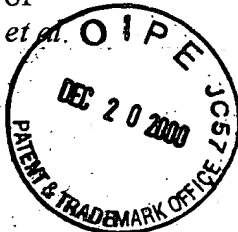
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

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☒ A check in the amount of \$ 445.00 is enclosed herewith.

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